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at Rockwell City, but soon located at Fort Dodge, and during different periods was associated with A. N. Botsford, his brothers, Thomas D. and Michael F. Healy, D. M. Kelleher, B. B. Burnquist, and M. J. Breen. During the last few years of his life he practiced alone. He participated in the trial of a large number of the most noted cases in his part of the state and even adjacent states, winning fame as a trial lawyer. He was a Republican in politics, and an admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, although he did not follow him in the third party movement in 1912. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908 and was permanent chairman of the second Republican State Convention in 1908. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916.

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WILLIAM E. HAMILTON was born in Ohio October 9, 1845, and died in Indianola, Iowa, October 16, 1929. He was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, in 1867, taught mathematics in Simpson College, Indianola, the year 1867-68, then entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and served pastorates at Onawa, Tabor, Woodbine, Thurman, Guthrie Center, Adel, and Harlan, taught mathematics in Simpson College from 1883 to 1886, was professor of philosophy and acting president in 1886 to 1889, pastor at Corning in 1889 to 1892, and professor of philosophy in Simpson from 1892 to 1911. He then spent a short sojourn in Arkansas, following that by filling an interim of one year, 1915-16, as president of Simpson, was pastor at Grand River three years, and retired in 1920, living thereafter at Indianola. In 1896 he served as a delegate to General Conference of the Methodist church. As preacher, college teacher and administrator he exercised a great and good influence.

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JOHN F. KLINE was born in Wapello County, Iowa, March 15, 1873, and died in Bloomfield October 8, 1929. He attended country schools, the Southern Iowa Normal at Bloomfield, and Highland Park College, Des Moines. For a few years he taught country schools in Wapello and Davis counties in winters and farmed during summers. He located in Bloomfield in 1896 and remained a citizen of that city during the rest of his life, except in 1910 he lived in Newton where he was owner and publisher of the *Newton Herald* for a portion of the year. During nearly all of the time he lived in Bloomfield he was engaged in merchandising fuel, flour, feed, and groceries. He was chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee during several campaigns, for about a year was editor of the *Bloomfield Democrat*, was a member of the City Council, and was elected representative in 1926 and re-elected in 1928, serving in the Forty-second and Forty-third general assemblies. In 1929 he was appointed by Speaker Johnson a member of the Tax Committee, which was composed of members of both Senate and House, to report to the Forty-fourth General Assembly.

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